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Guerrillas in Colombia Again Threaten Captive

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BOGOTA, Colombia, Jan. 28 — Guerrillas yesterday repeated their threat to execute an American they are holding unless his employer, the Summer Institute of Linguistics, leaves Colombia by Feb. 19 and newspapers, including the The New York Times and The Washington Post, publish the group's manifesto.

The American, Chester A. Bitterman 3d of Lancaster, Pa., was kidnapped on Jan. 19 by the April 19 Movement.

The manifesto that the guerrillas want published says the Summer Institute is a front for the Central Intelligence Agency.

[The New York Times and The Washington Post had no comment.]

The guerrillas have accused the institute of stealing Colombian natural resources and exploiting the Indian population. The institute's director, Alva Wheeler, said in a telephone interview here that the charges were untrue.